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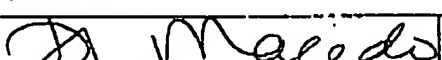
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY Address to: Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	YAMA-008
	First Named Inventor	Thomas T. Yamashita
	Application Number	09/695,531
	Confirmation Number	3483
	Filing Date	October 23, 2000
	Group Art Unit	3643
	Examiner Name	Gellner, Jeffrey L.
Title	Microbial Blend Compositions And Methods For Their Use	

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated July 13, 2004 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before October 13, 2004. In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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